

**St Mary Magdalene, Geddington
and
St Mary the Virgin, Weekley**



Eucharist for Candlemas

Hymn

The Gathering

The Lord of glory be with you.

The Lord bless you.

The Greeting

Dear friends, forty days ago we celebrated the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now we recall the day on which he was presented in the Temple, when he was offered to the Father and shown to his people. As a sign of his coming among us, his mother was purified, as we now come to him for cleansing. In their old age Simeon and Anna recognized him as their Lord, as we today sing of his glory. In this eucharist, we celebrate both the joy of his coming and his searching judgement, looking back to the day of his birth and forward to the coming days of his passion.

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

Let us pray that we may know and share the light of Christ.

Silence is kept

Lord Jesus Christ,
light of the nations and glory of Israel:
make your home among us,
and present us pure and holy
to your heavenly Father,
your God, and our God. **Amen**

Reading

At the end of the reading

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as the Candles are lit

May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

You make our darkness to be light.

For with you is the well of life
and in your light shall we see light.

Blessed be God for ever.

The president blesses the candles, saying

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
King of the universe.

Blessed be God for ever.

Your light shines on us
and all peoples shall see your glory.

Blessed be God for ever.

You gave us Jesus to be the light of the world;
he makes our darkness to be light.

Blessed be God for ever.

Through the Holy Spirit your love burns within us,
bearing witness to your truth.

Blessed be God for ever.

As we bear your light,
may our lips never cease to sing your praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Hymn

The Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore, God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to God through Christ who is our light and life.
All loving God, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel:
look in mercy on your Church, sharing light and hope.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Spirit of God your Christ in coming to the temple brings judgement on the world: look in mercy on the nations, who long for justice.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Suffering God, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became poor: look in mercy on the needy and all who suffer. In this parish we pray for...

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

God of life and death, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find their peace: look in mercy on the departed, that they may see your salvation. In this parish we pray for...

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Suffering God, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be rejected: look in mercy on us who now turn towards his passion.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna, and showed them the infant King. Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises, and the patience to wait for their fulfilment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayers of Penitence

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ:
'I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.'

Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins, confirm and strengthen
you in all goodness, and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God,
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, to give light to
those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good,

always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ, who is one with you from all eternity.

For on this day he appeared in the Temple in substance of our
flesh to come near to us in judgement.

He searches the hearts of all your people
and brings to light the image of your splendour.

Your servant Simeon acclaimed him as the light to lighten the
nations while Anna spoke of him to all who looked for your
redemption. Destined for the falling and rising of many,
he was lifted high upon the cross
and a sword of sorrow pierced his mother's heart
when by his sacrifice he made our peace with you.

And now we rejoice and glorify your name
that we, too, have seen your salvation
and join with angels and archangels
in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, O blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.
From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,
born of Mary, to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.
On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.
Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Bring us at the last with all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Believing the promises of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.
**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer after Communion

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna,
who lived to welcome the Messiah:
may we, who have received these gifts beyond words,
prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to
eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

Notices

Hymn

The Blessing

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
fill you with radiance
and scatter the darkness from your path. **Amen**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,
gladden your eyes and warm your heart. **Amen**

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace. **Amen**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



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